

7th Grade
History Of The United States
Areas Of Study

- I. Europeans establish colonies in North America
 - a. Efforts of Spain, France, Sweden, The Netherlands, and England
 - b. Reasons for colonization: mercantilism, religion, and others
- II. The Thirteen English colonies
 - a. Distinctions of northern, middle, and southern regions
 - b. Conflicts of farms, towns, plantations, slavery, and religion
- III. Colonial living
 - a. Issues of self-sufficiency, triangle trade, raw materials and manufactured goods
 - b. Colonial governments under British rule
- IV. The Movement to Independence
 - a. French-Indian War and Mississippi expansion
 - b. Necessity for taxation and military presence
 - c. Reasons for colonial protests and rebellion
 - d. Writing of the Declaration of Independence
- V. The American Revolutionary War
 - a. Roles of leaders and battles
 - b. Path to the outcome of the war
- VI. The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights
 - a. Evolution of the document and the government
 - b. Importance of the division of power and compromises
- VII. Administrations of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe
 - a. Outline of the precedents set, and the rise of political parties
 - b. The Louisiana Purchase, the War of 1812, and the Monroe Doctrine
- VIII. The Jacksonian period
 - a. New political parties and leadership styles
 - b. The nullification doctrine, the spoils system, tariffs, and the National Bank
- IX. The nation divides
 - a. Conflicts and sectionalism leading up the Civil War
 - b. Failure of compromise
- X. The Civil War, 1861-1865
 - a. Mapping advantages of each side
 - b. Battles, leaders and generals